30th October 1890.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT (*concluded*).—AND CHITALDROOG DISTRICT.

Subjects Nos. 56 to 111, described below were discussed at this Meeting :—

Shimoga District.—Subjects Nos. 56 to 73 were introduced by Messrs. Nadig Swami Rao, Narsingappa and Venkappa, Representative Members, Honnali Taluk, Nos. 74 to 79 by Mr. Murugappa, R. M., Shikarpur Taluk, Nos. 80 to 82 by Mr. Bommanahalli Basappa, R. M., Sorab Taluk, and Nos. 83 and 84 by Mr. Nadig Gurusiddappa, R. M., Channagiri Taluk. *Chitaldroog District.*—Subjects Nos. 85 and 86 by Mr. Anikullappana Murugappa, R. M., Chitaldroog Taluk, Nos. 87 and 88 by Mr. Kasim Saib, R. M., Davangere Taluk, Nos. 89, 90 and 91 by Mr. Kapanipati Nanjappa, R. M., Hosdurga Range, Holalkere Taluk, Nos. 92 to 101 by Messrs. Tuppada Chelamappa and Reddihalli Subbanna, R. Ms., Challakere Taluk, Nos. 102 to 107 by Mr. Iyamangala Patel Basappa, R. M., Hiriyur Taluk, Nos. 108 to 110 by Mr. Shanbhog Hanumantappa, R. M., Molakalmuru Taluk, and No. 111 relates to Public Works Department projects proposed by the Representatives of the Chitaldroog District.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT (*Concluded*).

Subject No. 56.
Totis and Talaris required in most villages.

Summary of discussion.—Honnali Taluk is Maidan country and sparsely populated. In most villages there are no Totis and Talavars. In the few villages where they exist, raiyats pay them no "Aya," and they are too poor to file revenue suits for the same. Much inconvenience is in consequence experienced in the performance of duties connected with the villages. Village establishments should therefore be entertained and maintained as in Her Majesty's Territories in the neighbourhood.

The Dewan.—Who will pay them ?

Mr. Chentsal Rao.—In Madras, the remuneration to this class of village servants who are useful both to the village community and to the Government, was practically paid equally by Government and the cultivating raiyat. Now it is paid from the proceeds of the village service cess.

The Dewan.—This class of village servants does not exist in the Malnad Taluks generally. But Patels in Malnad villages have larger emoluments than in Maidan villages where Totis and Talavars exist. In Malnad villages where houses and holdings are scattered, the Toti and the Talavar are chiefly useful to the Patel in the discharge of his official duties and of little or no service to the village community. If, for this reason, half the remuneration to the Toti and Talavar can come from the Patels' emoluments, Government may well find the other half from the Treasury.

Nadig Swami Rao.—The raiyat says "I do not want the Toti's services and there is no need for my paying him *Aya*."

The Dewan.—Is it not usual to pay "*Aya*" even in the Maidan villages of your taluk?

Nadig Swami Rao.—Not unless the Toti or Talavar serves the raiyat in any way. In that case it is recoverable by suit.

Dewan's reply.—(After some further discussion). Where Totis and Talavars exist, Government will be disposed to fix and enforce payment of Miras as in the Nundydroog Division Districts. But where they do not exist and where their appointment is called for, it will be necessary to pay them half from the Patels' Potgi and half by Government itself, because the villagers will not to any appreciable extent require their services. The subject will be further considered. (*Vide* Subjects Nos. 131 and 163 below).

Subject No. 57. Concessions for restoration and maintenance of Gokattes.

Summary of discussion.—There are many Gokattes in this Taluk built in former days for the use of cattle. These have long been left unrepaired and are in very bad condition. When these kattes contain no water, their beds may be given for temporary cultivation and the revenue derived thereby may be appropriated for their repair. It is also suggested that the repair of these kattes may be entrusted to the descendants of the builders, by giving them the grazing rights in such kattes without sale.

Dewan's reply.—There is no objection whatever to the descendants or representatives of the original constructors of these Gokattes repairing or restoring them for the purpose of maintaining the original charity. In individual cases where the concessions recommended are claimed as of right by persons descended from or otherwise representing the original constructors, the question of right will of course be considered and disposed of on its merits. But wholesale concessions of the kind recommended cannot be granted.

Subject No. 58. Prohibition of grazing on tank bund slopes.

Summary of discussion.—Right of grazing on tank bunds should not be sold by auction as is now often done. Cattle treading on the slopes of the bunds wear them very much.

Dewan's reply.—Grass growing on tank bunds should be allowed free to the raiyats who have to maintain the bunds. It should not be included in the Hulbanni of the village. The grass thus allowed free should be cut, and in no case should cattle be allowed to graze it. The necessary orders will issue in due course.